Wednesday, September 16, 2026
Regular Board Agenda (#2691)

Regular Meeting #(2691)
Santa Clara County Office of Education
1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, CA 95131
San Jose Room -- 5:00 p.m.

Teleconference:
Raeena Lari
3866 Mars Court
San Jose, CA 95121

Jorge Pacheco
Claremont Graduate University, Academic Computing Building
130 E 9th St,
Claremont, CA 91711

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1. SCCBOE CALL TO ORDER

Subject :	A. Call to Order
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Type :	Information

Public Content

The President will call the meeting to order. The meeting is held in person at 1290 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose, CA 95131.

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION

Subject :	A. Anyone wishing to address the Board of Trustees regarding the closed session agenda may do so at this time.
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Procedural

Public Content

Anyone wishing to address the Board of Trustees regarding the closed session agenda may do so at this time.

3. CLOSED SESSION

Subject :	A. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District: Cambrian School District, Desired District: Union School District
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Action

Public Content

Administrator

Dr. David M. Toston, Sr., County Superintendent of Schools

Background

Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District: Cambrian School District, Desired District: Union School District

3. CLOSED SESSION

Subject :	B. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District: Cupertino Union School District, Desired District: Saratoga Union School District
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Action

Public Content

Administrator

Dr. David M. Toston, Sr., County Superintendent of Schools

Background

Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District: Cupertino Union School District, Desired District: Saratoga Union School District

3. CLOSED SESSION

Subject :	C. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District: Campbell Union School District, Desired District: Luther Burbank School District
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Action

Public Content

Administrator

Dr. David M. Toston, Sr., County Superintendent of Schools

Background

Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District: Campbell Union School District, Desired District: Luther Burbank School District

3. CLOSED SESSION

Subject :	D. Conference with Legal Counsel Existing Litigation (Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(1)): Case No. 24CV449859, Santa Clara County Superior Court
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Discussion

Public Content

The Board will hold a Closed Session to discuss the following item:
Conference with Legal Counsel Existing Litigation
(Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(1)): Case No. 24CV449859, Santa Clara County Superior Court

3. CLOSED SESSION

Subject :	E. Conference with Legal Counsel Existing Litigation (Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(1)): Case No. 5:24-cv-08527, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)

Type :	Discussion

Public Content

The Board will hold a Closed Session to discuss the following item:

Conference with Legal CounselExisting Litigation

(Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(1)):Case No. 5:24-cv-08527, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

3. CLOSED SESSION

Subject :	F. 2026-2027 County Superintendent Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code § 54957(b)(1))
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Discussion

Public Content

The Board will hold a Closed Session to discuss the following item:

2026-2027 County Superintendent Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code § 54957(b)(1))

3. CLOSED SESSION

Subject :	G. Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2)): 1 case
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Discussion

Public Content

The Board will hold a Closed Session to discuss the following item:

Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2)): 1 case

4. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Subject :	A. Roll Call (Including Action on Absences if Necessary)
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Action, Procedural

Public Content

Roll call of the trustees will be taken, and any absences of trustees will be recorded. The board may take action on absences if needed.

Motion & Voting

To accept the absence of Trustee Rocha.

Motion by Raeena Lari, second by Victoria Chon.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan

4. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Subject :	B. Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Procedural

Public Content

Administrator

Dr. David M. Toston, Sr., County Superintendent of Schools

Background

The student board memberor a member of the SCCBOEwill lead the community in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Subject :	C. Land Acknowledgement
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Procedural

Public Content

Administrator

Dr. David M. Toston, Sr., County Superintendent of Schools

Background

The student board member or a member of the SCCBOE will read a land acknowledgement as follows:

Let us take time to honor the ancestral caretakers of the land on which we stand. We are currently on Ohlone Territory. Santa Clara County is the homeland of the Muwekma Ohlone People. Today, Indigenous people continue to protect the land. It is important to recognize the Indigenous cultures within our communities and remember that we all gather, live, learn and work on the traditional lands of Indigenous peoples.

4. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Subject :	D. Set the Agenda
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Action, Procedural
Recommended Action :	Approve to set the agenda.

Public Content

The Board shall set the agenda by establishing it as posted. Changes to the posted agenda may only occur as permitted by Education and Government Code including the Brown Act or as described in Board Bylaws. Permitted revisions to the posted agenda include the movement of items from consent to action or reordering the sequence of agenda items.

Motion & Voting

Approve to set the agenda, moving items 13-15 to the next Board agenda.

Motion by Tara Sreekrishnan, second by Victoria Chon.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan

4. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Subject :	E. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Information

Public Content

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

5. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Subject :	A. The student member of the Board may give reports on activities related to their duties as a member of the Santa Clara County Board of Education.

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Type :	Information

Public Content

Administrator

Dr. David M. Toston, Sr., County Superintendent of Schools

Background

The student member of the Board may give reports on activities related to their duties as a member of the Santa Clara County Board of Education.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Subject :	A. At this time, members of the public may address the Board on any issue within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board that is not listed on this agenda.
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Type :	Procedural

Public Content

At this time, members of the public may address the Board on any issue within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board that is not listed on this agenda. Individual remarks will be limited to two minutes each, unless otherwise stipulated by the SCCBOE President.

7. BARGAINING UNITS' REPORTS

Subject :	A. Bargaining Units' Reports
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Information

Public Content

8. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

Subject :	A. Request Approval of Consent Action Items as listed in Item #8 Consent Action Items
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Action (Consent)

Recommended Action :	Approve Consent Action Items as listed in Item #8 Consent Action Items.

Public Content

Administrator

Dr. David M. Toston, Sr., County Superintendent of Schools

Requested Action

Approve Consent Action Items as listed in Item #8 Consent Action Items.

Motion & Voting

Approve Consent Action Items as listed in Item #8 Consent Action Items.

Motion by Tara Sreekrishnan, second by Raeena Lari.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan

8. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

Subject :	B. Request Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting (#2690) on September 2, 2026
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Action (Consent), Minutes
Recommended Action :	Approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting (#2690) on September 2, 2026.
Minutes :	View Minutes for Sep 2, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2690)

Public Content

Administrator

Dr. David M. Toston, Sr., County Superintendent of Schools

Requested Action

Approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting (#2690) held on September 2, 2026.

Motion & Voting

Approve Consent Action Items as listed in Item #8 Consent Action Items.

Motion by Tara Sreekrishnan, second by Raeena Lari.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan

8. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

Subject :	C. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing Mid-Autumn Festival on September 25, 2026
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Adopt Resolution Recognizing Mid-Autumn Festival on September 25, 2026.
Goals :	Mission Statement of the County Office of Education Santa Clara County Office of Education Goal #1

Public Content

Administrator

Dr. David M. Toston, Sr., County Superintendent of Schools

Background

Mid-Autumn Festival, also known as the Moon Festival, is a widely observed cultural tradition among communities throughout countries in Asia and among members of the Asian diaspora around the world, including communities represented within Santa Clara County's diverse student population.

Student Impact

The Santa Clara County Board of Educations Strategic Goal #3 aligns with this resolution to support systems that see, support, and strengthen the whole child where every student, in every school, has access to the physical, emotional, social, and academic supports they need and deserve to be successful in and outside of school. Recognizing the Mid-Autumn Festival aligns with the Bill of Rights for Children and Young Adults for Santa Clara County. Every child has the right to love and emotional connections: Meaningful connections with consistent, caring adults and peers who love and appreciate the young person for who they are and want to see them grow.

File Attachments

09162026 RESOLUTION Mid-Autumn Festival.pdf (72 KB)

Motion & Voting

Approve Consent Action Items as listed in Item #8 Consent Action Items.

Motion by Tara Sreekrishnan, second by Raeena Lari.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan

8. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

Subject :	D. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing October as National Bullying Prevention Month and Cybersecurity Awareness Month
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Adopt Resolution Recognizing October as National Bullying Prevention Month and Cybersecurity Awareness Month.
Goals :	Mission Statement of the County Office of Education Santa Clara County Office of Education Goal #1 Santa Clara County Office of Education Goal #2

Public Content

Administrator

Dr. David M. Toston, Sr., County Superintendent of Schools

Background

During National Bullying Prevention Month and Cybersecurity Awareness Month in October, awareness is raised around bullying, cybersecurity, and doxxing prevention. National Bullying Prevention Month and Cybersecurity Awareness Month highlight ways students may experience and protect themselves from bullying, both online and offline.

Student impact

This resolution aligns with the Bill of Rights for Children and Young Adults for Santa Clara County. Every child has the right to feel and be safe in all environments they are in, such as their schools, homes, neighborhoods, and online. The Santa Clara County Board of Educations Strategic Goal #3 aligns with this resolution to support systems that see, support, and strengthen the whole child, where every student, in every school, has access to the physical, emotional, social, and academic supports they need and deserve in order to be successful in and outside of school.

File Attachments

09162026 RESOLUTION National Bullying Prevention Month and Cybersecurity Awareness Month.pdf (225 KB)

Motion & Voting

Approve Consent Action Items as listed in Item #8 Consent Action Items.

Motion by Tara Sreekrishnan, second by Raeena Lari.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan

8. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

Subject :	E. Request Acceptance of Tomara Hall's Reappointment to the Personnel Commission
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Accept Tomara Hall's reappointment to the Personnel Commission.

Public Content

Administrator

Dr. David M. Toston, Sr., County Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Kanika D. White, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources

Marisa Perry, Director III, Human Resources/Classified Personnel Services

Background

The Personnel Commission is an independent body comprised of three individuals, appointed on a rotational basis, for three-year terms. Each position is appointed by a different entity: the Board of Education, the classified employees, appointed by the union, and a joint appointee, appointed by two Commissioners. The term of the current appointee representing the classified employee union, SEIU, will expire on December 1, 2026. Accordingly, SEIU has reaffirmed its appointment and reappointed the incumbent Commissioner for an additional three-year term.

SEIU has reappointed Tomara Hall to the Personnel Commission for a three-year term expiring December 1, 2029. Pursuant to the California Education Code section 45246, the Board of Education, in open session, must ratify the classified employee appointment.

To qualify as a Personnel Commissioner, California law requires that the individual be a resident and registered voter of Santa Clara County, and a known adherent of the merit system.

Fiscal Implications

Personnel Commissioners are compensated at the rate of $50.00 per regular or special meeting attended, plus benefits.

Tomara Hall, Professional Biography

Tomara Hall is a Special Education Teacher in San Jose. She is a site representative and a bargaining team member. Tomara is the founder of Teachers Empowering Youth Activists and organizes with the San Jose Unified Equity Coalition. She leads SEL and Self-Care workshops for students, teachers, and the community.

Commissioner Hall was originally seated on the Santa Clara County Office of Education Personnel Commission in March 2025.

Motion & Voting

Approve Consent Action Items as listed in Item #8 Consent Action Items.

Motion by Tara Sreekrishnan, second by Raeena Lari.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan

8. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

Subject :	F. Request Approval of Proposition 28 Report
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve the Proposition 28 Report.
Goals :	Santa Clara County Office of Education Goal #1 Santa Clara County Office of Education Goal #2

Public Content

Administrator

Dr. David M. Toston, Sr., County Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Heather Ferguson, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Background

Pursuant to Education Code (EC) 8820(g)(4), the Santa Clara County Office of Education is providing its annual report on Proposition 28, including the types of arts education programs funded, the number of full-time equivalent teachers, classified personnel, and teaching aides supported, the number of pupils served, and the number of school sites providing arts education programs with these funds.

Student Impact

In alignment with the Santa Clara County Board of Education Priorities, the Educational Services Division strives to improve intervention/prevention programs for youth, including justice-engaged, foster youth, unhoused, and students with disabilities. This report specifically incorporates and aligns the board priorities of Special Education, Court, and Community Schools by providing Arts and Music programming in schools. This report is in alignment with the Bill of Rights for Children and Young Adults for Santa Clara County, which states that all children and young adults have the right to a relevant and engaging education that exposes them to other cultures and promotes lifelong learning.

File Attachments

25-26 Proposition 28 Narrative.pdf (68 KB)
25-26 Proposition 28 Arts and Music in Schools Funding Annual Report.pdf (189 KB)

Motion & Voting

Approve Consent Action Items as listed in Item #8 Consent Action Items.

Motion by Tara Sreekrishnan, second by Raeena Lari.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan

8. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

Subject :	G. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policy Business, Facilities, and Operations
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve the revised Board Policy BP 3280, Sale or Lease of COE-Owned Real Property.

Public Content

Administrator

Dr. David M. Toston, Sr., County Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Candi Clark, Interim Deputy Superintendent, Business and Operations

Background

This policy was presented for First Reading on September 2, 2026, and is now being brought forward for Second Reading and approval.This policy was revised to maintain alignment with current California requirements governing the disposition of surplus educational property, including updated Surplus Land Act procedures, notice requirements, public review, and oversight by the Department of Housing and Community Development. By requiring SCCOE to assess current and projected facility needs before property is declared surplus and to use a transparent, legally compliant review process, the policy helps preserve safe, appropriate, and effective environments for student instruction, programs, and support services.

BP 3280 Sale or Lease of COE-Owned Real Property

The revisions clarify requirements for advisory committee review, coordination with local planning agencies, environmental review, public notice and bidding procedures, County Board findings and approval, acceptance or rejection of bids, and allowable uses of proceeds. These safeguards help ensure that real property decisions consider long-term educational needs, avoid unintended impacts on student access and safety, and direct any proceeds toward legally permitted one-time, capital, maintenance, reserve, or facility-related purposes. The updated policy supports transparent, fiscally responsible, and legally compliant decision-making while advancing SCCOEs responsibility to maintain facilities and resources that safely and effectively serve students.

Fiscal Implications

There is no immediate fiscal impact associated with this policy. Any future sale or lease of SCCOE-owned real property would be considered separately and could involve property valuation, legal, environmental review, public notice, brokerage, and transaction costs. Proceeds would be restricted to allowable one-time, capital outlay, maintenance, reserve, or other uses permitted by law.

Student Impact

The updated policy supports students by requiring SCCOE to evaluate current and projected educational facility needs before selling or leasing real property. Transparent review, environmental consideration, public notice, and County Board oversight help

protect safe, appropriate, and accessible spaces for instruction, programs, and student support services. The policy also helps preserve resources for allowable one-time, capital, maintenance, reserve, and facility-related purposes that can sustain effective learning environments. This approach is consistent with the Childrens Bill of Rights commitment to safe, healthy, and supportive conditions for children and advances County Board priorities related to student well-being, equitable access, and responsible stewardship of public resources.

File Attachments

3280_BP_Sale_or_Lease_of_COE-Owned_Real_Property_(FINAL).pdf (174 KB)
3280_BP_Sale_or_Lease_of_COE-Owned_Real_Property_(REDLINE).pdf (187 KB)

Motion & Voting

Approve Consent Action Items as listed in Item #8 Consent Action Items.

Motion by Tara Sreekrishnan, second by Raeena Lari.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan

8. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

Subject :	H. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised and New Board Policies Educational Services
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve the revised and new Board policies.

Public Content

Administrator

Dr. David M. Toston, Sr., County Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Heather Ferguson, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Background

On August 5, 2026, the Policy Development Subcommittee met and approved the proposed revisions and new board policies listed below.These policies were presented for First Reading on September 2, 2026, and are now being brought forward for Second Reading and approval. The updates reflect current expectations related to student conduct, health, mental health, and discipline, and align with recent legislative requirements and best practices.

BP5113.1 Chronic Absence and Truancy

Revisions strengthen efforts to address chronic absenteeism by improving attendance tracking, early identification of attendance concerns, and implementing a tiered system of prevention and intervention. The updates expand student and family supports, including personalized outreach, mentoring, wraparound services, and trauma-informed practices, while emphasizing positive interventions, attendance-recovery opportunities, and supportive strategies over punitive measures.

BP 5131.6 Alcohol and Other Drugs

Revisions strengthen alcohol and drug prevention efforts by expanding education, intervention, and student support services, including new requirements to educate families about the dangers of fentanyl, counterfeit drugs, and drug sales through social media. The policy also authorizes students to carry fentanyl test strips and opioid overdose reversal medications as permitted by law, while emphasizing behavioral interventions, student assistance programs, and ongoing program evaluation.

BP 5142 Safety

Revisions strengthen student safety expectations by expanding the policy to address both physical and digital safety, including cybersecurity practices and responses to potentially threatening online activity. The updates also establish formal safety standards for outdoor education programs, including requirements for supervision, emergency access, staff training, communication with families, and individualized student supports.

BP 5145.2 Freedom of Speech/Expression (New)

Clarifies that students' rights to free speech and expression extend to approved school and County Office of Education digital platforms, consistent with the Equal Access Act, and, as required by Education Code 48907, establishes written guidelines protecting student expression while setting reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions.

BP 6142.1 Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction

Revisions update and expand the purpose of comprehensive sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention instruction to emphasize medically accurate, inclusive, and age-appropriate education that supports healthy relationships, consent, safety, and overall student well-being. The policy adds more detailed requirements regarding inclusivity for students of all backgrounds, instruction on gender identity and sexual orientation, affirmative consent, healthy relationships, and prevention of sexual violence and human trafficking. The updates also reinforce parent notification and opt-out rights while ensuring students are not penalized if they are excused from instruction.

BP 6142.7 Physical Education and Activity

Revisions modernize the physical education policy by emphasizing regular physical activity, student wellness, and equitable access for all students regardless of gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or other protected status. The updates add requirements for age-appropriate moderate-to-vigorous physical activity, accommodations for students participating in religious fasting, and monitoring of physical activity levels within the program. The policy also strengthens provisions related to inclusivity, adapted physical education for students with disabilities, and accountability through reporting of fitness testing results and program quality measures.

BP 6142.8 Comprehensive Health Education

Revisions modernize the comprehensive health education program by emphasizing a coordinated approach to student wellness that includes physical health, mental health, social-emotional well-being, digital and media literacy, and connections to community resources. The policy adds requirements for mental health instruction, professional development for health education staff, and periodic reporting on program effectiveness and alignment with state standards. It also strengthens parent notification and opt-out provisions while reinforcing the goal of providing a safe, supportive, inclusive, and research-based health education program for all students.

BP 6161.1 Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials

Revisions modernize the instructional materials policy by expanding references to technology-based and digital instructional materials, emphasizing standards alignment, public transparency, and equitable student access to learning resources. The policy

adds protections against the removal or prohibition of instructional materials solely because they include the contributions of protected groups, consistent with state law. It also strengthens requirements for public review, annual hearings on the sufficiency of instructional materials, stakeholder involvement in the selection process, and access to digital materials at both school and home.

BP 6161.11 Supplementary Instructional Materials

Revisions update the policy to recognize the use of current technology and digital resources as supplementary instructional materials and emphasize meeting the diverse educational needs of all students. The policy also adds protections against prohibiting supplemental materials solely because they include the contributions of protected groups, while reinforcing requirements for age-appropriateness, curriculum alignment, copyright compliance, and appropriate review of instructional resources.

BP 6164.4 Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education

Revisions primarily update and clarify special education identification procedures, refine terminology and references for consistency, and refresh legal citations and guidance while maintaining the policy's core requirements for timely identification, assessment, parental notification, and eligibility determination.

BP 6173 Education for Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Updates and expands support for students experiencing homelessness by strengthening identification, privacy, reporting, LCAP accountability, and access-to-services requirements, while clearly defining both Local Educational Agency (LEA) operational responsibilities and County Office oversight, liaison, training, coordination, and compliance obligations under McKinney-Vento and state law.

BP 6173.1 Education for Foster Youth

Strengthens support for foster youth by emphasizing educational stability and equitable access, requiring staff training and foster youth liaison responsibilities, promoting collaboration with community agencies, and expanding accountability through Local Control and Accountability Plan planning, monitoring, and reporting of foster youth outcomes.

BP 6178 Career Technical Education

Revisions modernize and expand the Career Technical Education program by emphasizing preparation for high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand careers through industry-aligned instruction, work-based learning opportunities, dual enrollment, and partnerships with businesses and postsecondary institutions. The policy also strengthens equity and access requirements, expands support services and career counseling for students, and enhances accountability through regular program evaluation, data reporting, and continuous improvement efforts.

Fiscal Implications

There are no fiscal implications.

Student Impact

The updated Board Policies collectively strengthen student support, safety, equity, and access to educational opportunities. Students will benefit from earlier and more supportive interventions for attendance, substance use, homelessness, foster care, and special education needs; stronger protections for physical, digital, and emotional well-being; and clearer protections for student expression, religious freedom, and inclusive learning environments. Updates to health, physical education, and instructional materials promote equitable access to age-appropriate, research-based, and inclusive learning experiences that support the needs of diverse student populations. Additionally, expanded Career Technical Education, work-based learning, dual enrollment, and career counseling opportunities will better prepare students for college and high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand careers. Overall, these policy revisions promote a safer, more inclusive, supportive, and equitable educational environment while strengthening opportunities for students to remain engaged, healthy, and successful in school and beyond.

File Attachments

5113.1_BP_Chronic Absence and Truancy_(FINAL).pdf (98 KB)
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5131.6_BP_Alcohol and Other Drugs_(FINAL).pdf (107 KB)
5131.6_BP_Alcohol and Other Drugs_(REDLINE).pdf (223 KB)
5142_BP_Safety_(FINAL).pdf (102 KB)
5142_BP_Safety_(REDLINED).pdf (203 KB)
5145.2_BP_Freedom_of_Speech_Expression_(NEW).pdf (179 KB)
6142.1_BP_Sexual Health and HIVAIDS Prevention Instruction_(FINAL).pdf (100 KB)
6142.1_BP_Sexual Health and HIVAIDS Prevention Instruction_(REDLINED).pdf (82 KB)
6142.7_BP_Physical Education and Activity_(FINAL).pdf (49 KB)
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6142.8_BP_Comprehensive Health Education (FINAL).pdf (103 KB)
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6161.1_BP_Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials (FINAL).pdf (181 KB)
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6161.11_BP_Supplementary Instructional Materials_(FINAL).pdf (230 KB)
6161.11_BP_Supplementary Instructional Materials_(REDLINE).pdf (252 KB)
6164.4_BP_Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education (FINAL).pdf (31 KB)
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6178_BP_Career Technical Education (FINAL).pdf (178 KB)
6178_BP_Career Technical Education (REDLINE).pdf (198 KB)

Motion & Voting

Approve Consent Action Items as listed in Item #8 Consent Action Items.

Motion by Tara Sreekrishnan, second by Raeena Lari.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan

8. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

Subject :	I. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised and New Board Policies Executive Services
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve the revised and new Board policies.

Public Content

Administrator

Dr. David M. Toston, Sr., County Superintendent of Schools

Jessica Simpson, Chief of Staff and Strategic Initiatives, Executive Services

Background

On September 3, 2025, January 21, 2026, June 3, 2026, and August 5, 2026, the Policy Development Subcommittee met and approved the proposed revisions to the board bylaws and board policies listed below. These policies were presented for First Reading on September 2, 2026, and are now being brought forward for Second Reading and approval. The proposed revisions clarify governance roles, responsibilities, and procedures; strengthen community engagement, student services, school safety, and communication practices; and ensure consistency with current law, CSBA guidance, and SCCOE priorities.

Board Bylaws

BB 9000 Role of the County Board of Education

Board Bylaw 9000 is revised to clarify the County Boards statutory authority, governance responsibilities, and partnership with the County Superintendent. The revisions update the Boards duties related to policy adoption, student learning, the Local Control and Accountability Plan, budget oversight, charter schools, appeals, facilities, and other legally assigned responsibilities.

BB 9010 Public Statements

Board Bylaw 9010 is revised to clarify how Board members communicate individual views and when they may speak on behalf of the County Board. The revisions support accurate, transparent public communication and distinguish personal statements from official Board positions.

BB 9012 Board Member Electronic Communications

Board Bylaw 9012 Board Member Electronic Communications is revised to align with current CSBA guidance and applicable Brown Act and California Public Records Act requirements governing electronic communications related to COE business. Updates clarify serial-meeting restrictions, public-record obligations, and appropriate use and retention of communications, with related terminology and references updated for consistency.

BB 9121 President

Board Bylaw 9121 President was reviewed using the current CSBA model as the foundation to ensure alignment with current governance practices. The bylaw continues to address the President's leadership, meetings, representation, and succession responsibilities, including agenda coordination with the County Superintendent of Schools, Brown Act compliance, County Board appointments, and equal deliberation and voting rights. The draft incorporates the current CSBA framework while retaining SCCOE-specific provisions related to the President's term of office, term limits, and vacancy procedures.

BB 9130 County Board Committees

Board Bylaw 9130 is revised to clarify the establishment, purpose, membership, responsibilities, and operation of Board committees. The revisions reinforce transparency, compliance with open meeting requirements, and alignment of committee work with the Boards governance responsibilities.

BB 9140 Board Representatives

Board Bylaw 9140 is revised to clarify the appointment, responsibilities, communication, and reporting expectations of Board members serving as representatives to committees, agencies, and organizations. The revisions distinguish representative assignments from authority to act on behalf of the full Board.

BB 9223 Filling Vacancies

Board Bylaw 9223 is revised to clarify the procedures, timelines, public notice, eligibility, and appointment or election requirements that apply when a vacancy occurs on the County Board. The revisions support a fair, transparent, and legally compliant process.

BB 9224 Oath or Affirmation

Board Bylaw 9224 is revised to clarify the legal requirement that Board members take and subscribe to the prescribed oath or affirmation before assuming office. The revisions address administration and documentation of the oath consistent with applicable law.

BB 9260 Legal Protection

Board Bylaw 9260 is revised to clarify legal defense, indemnification, and other protections available to Board members acting within the scope of their official duties. The revisions align the bylaw with applicable law and established procedures.

9323.2 E(1) Actions by the Board

Exhibit 9323.2 E(1) reflects revisions to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) sample policies for County Offices of Education. SCCOEs current BB 9323.2-E(1) was last updated in 2013, while CSBAs corresponding sample policy was most recently updated in 2024.

BB 9400 Board Self-Evaluation

Board Bylaw 9400 is revised to clarify the purpose, frequency, process, and areas of focus for the County Boards evaluation of its governance practices and effectiveness. The revisions emphasize continuous improvement, accountability, and alignment with adopted goals and governance standards.

Board Policies

BP 0430 Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education

Board Policy 0430 is revised based on CSBA BP 0430 (December 1, 2022) to clarify the Santa Clara County Office of Educations participation in a Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) and its oversight of special education programs and services. The revisions address reporting special education funding information to the County Board of Education, ongoing review of programs and services, and development and review of the SELPA Local Plan at least every three years.

BP 1000 Concepts and Roles (New)

Board Policy 1000 is a new policy based on CSBA BP 1000 that defines the Santa Clara County Board of Educations relationship with the community. The policy affirms the Boards responsibility to represent community interests, promote collaboration and communication, support advocacy that advances students educational needs, and engage community members in SCCOE programs, activities, and decision-making processes.

BP 1114 County Office-Sponsored Social Media (New)

Board Policy 1114 is a new policy based on CSBA BP 1114 (November 1, 2025). It establishes guidelines for official SCCOE social media accounts, including content standards, privacy considerations, and requirements for procedures governing account use and management.

BP 1150 Community Commendations and Recognition Requests (New)

Board Policy 1150 is a new policy based on CSBA BP 1150. It establishes a consistent process for recognizing individuals and organizations that make outstanding contributions or provide significant service to education in Santa Clara County. The policy outlines eligibility, submission, and review procedures; identifies forms of recognition the County Board may confer; distinguishes community recognition from employee awards; and encourages alignment with SCCOEs mission, values, and equity commitments.

BP 1250 Visitors/Outsiders

Board Policy 1250 is revised based on CSBA BP 1250 (December 16, 2024) to clarify procedures for visitors and outsiders on school campuses. The revisions authorize the site principal or designee to require disruptive visitors to leave immediately during school hours. They also require individuals registered as sex offenders, including parents or guardians of students, to obtain written permission from the principal before entering school grounds, with notification to the Superintendent and consultation with law enforcement as necessary.

BP 1325 Advertising and Promotion

Board Policy 1325 is revised to align with CSBA BP 1325 (December 1, 2017) and update standards governing advertisements and promotions by non-school groups in school settings and communications. The revisions clarify restrictions related to prayer or proselytizing language, advocacy on controversial issues, and promotion during the school day of food or beverages that do not meet state nutritional standards under Education Code sections 4943049434.

BP 5000 Concepts and Roles

Board Policy 5000 is revised based on CSBA BP 5000 (November 1, 2025). It describes the County Board of Educations commitment to safe school environments, a positive school climate, student welfare, and academic achievement. The policy also outlines the role of SCCOE student services and the Boards commitment to schools free from discrimination and harassment. Proposed revisions emphasize school safety, violence prevention, alignment with existing nondiscrimination and harassment policies, and non-substantive formatting updates.

BP 5144.3 Student Expulsion Appeals

Board Policy 5144.3 outlines the Santa Clara County Board of Educations role in reviewing student expulsion appeals to ensure decisions comply with legal requirements and procedural standards. The proposed revisions align the policy with AB 1230 (2025) by strengthening requirements for individualized rehabilitation plans, limiting inappropriate extensions of expulsion terms, and ensuring timely referral and placement in appropriate educational programs. The updates emphasize student support, due process, continuity of education, and the Boards oversight responsibilities.

BP 6115 Ceremonies and Observances

Board Policy 6115 is revised based on CSBA BP 6115 (March 15, 2024) to clarify school closure requirements for holidays specified in Education Code section 37220 and the Boards authority to designate additional holidays in the school calendar. The revisions also authorize the Board, through adoption of a resolution, to approve the display of flags or banners recognizing specific awareness months.

Fiscal Implications

There are no fiscal implications.

Student Impact

The proposed revisions to the Board Bylaws and Board Policies support effective governance, legal compliance, and continuous improvement across SCCOE programs and services. The updates strengthen the Boards oversight responsibilities, clarify roles and decision-making processes, enhance community engagement and communication, support safe and inclusive learning environments, and promote equitable access to educational opportunities and student services. Collectively, these revisions help ensure that SCCOE policies and practices remain aligned with current laws, educational standards, and the needs of students, families, and the broader community.

File Attachments

9000_BB_Role_of_the_County_Board_of_Education_(FINAL).pdf (72 KB)
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9010_BB_Public_Statements_(FINAL).pdf (52 KB)
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1114_BP_County_Office-Sponsored_Social_Media (NEW).pdf (61 KB)
1150_BP_Community_Commendations_and_Recognition_Requests_(NEW).pdf (84 KB)
1250_BP_Visitors_Outsiders_(FINAL).pdf (52 KB)
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Motion & Voting

Approve Consent Action Items as listed in Item #8 Consent Action Items.

Motion by Tara Sreekrishnan, second by Raeena Lari.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan

8. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

Subject :	J. Accept Donations to the Santa Clara County Office of Education
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Action (Consent)
Dollar Amount :	$7,300.00
Budget Source :	Instruction, Leadership and Innovation Division
Recommended Action :	Accept donations to the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

Public Content

Administrator

Dr. David M. Toston, Sr., County Superintendent of Schools

Background

The following donations were made to the Santa Clara County Office of Education:

	Program	Donor	Donation
1	Instruction, Leadership, and Innovation (iSTEAM)	Bound to Stay Bound Books, Inc.	$500.00
2	Instruction, Leadership, and Innovation (iSTEAM)	Computer History Museum	$150.00
3	Instruction, Leadership, and Innovation (iSTEAM)	Cover One Inc.	$500.00
4	Instruction, Leadership, and Innovation (iSTEAM)	Mackin	$650.00
5	Instruction, Leadership, and Innovation (iSTEAM)	San José State University, School of Information	$1,000.00
6	Instruction, Leadership, and Innovation (iSTEAM)	SparkMakers	$1,500.00
7	Instruction, Leadership, and Innovation (iSTEAM)	The PokémonCompany International, Inc.	$3,000.00

Fiscal Implications

The Santa Clara County Office of Education will receive donations totaling $7,300 to support STEM Extravaganza and Library Camp programming. The donated funds will be used to offset event costs, including STEM kits for attendees and professional learning opportunities for librarians and school library staff.

Student Impact

These donations support programs that enhance access to STEM education and library services for students throughout Santa Clara County. STEM Extravaganza provides hands-on learning opportunities that encourage student engagement in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. Library Camp equips librarians and school library staff with resources, strategies, and best practices that can be implemented in schools, expanding access to high-quality library programming and benefiting thousands of students across the region.

Motion & Voting

Approve Consent Action Items as listed in Item #8 Consent Action Items.

Motion by Tara Sreekrishnan, second by Raeena Lari.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan

9. PUBLIC HEARING

Subject :	A. Public Hearing on the Summit Tahoma Charter School Renewal Petition
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Discussion
Goals :	Santa Clara County Office of Education Goal #1 Santa Clara County Office of Education Goal #2

Public Content

Administrator

Dr. David M. Toston, Sr., County Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Michelle Johnson, Director, Charter Schools

Background

In addition to ensuring regular and systematic oversight and monitoring of the charter schools it authorizes, the Santa Clara County Board of Education (SCCBOE) may grant or deny charter renewals pursuant to California Education Code Sections 47605, 47607, and 47607.2.

On August 31, 2026, the Charter Schools Department of the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) received a charter petition renewal request from Summit Public Charter School, or Tahoma. Tahoma is seeking approval to renew a district appeal public charter, which is currently serving students in grades 9-12, for a continuing charter term of five years beginning in July 2027. Tahoma has requested a five-year renewal as the California Department of Education (CDE) has designated Tahoma a Middle performing charter school.

Tahoma was initially approved on appeal from East Side Union High School District (ESUHSD) as a grade 9-12 charter school in December 2010 for a five-year term. The schools charter was renewed in 2015 and 2021. Tahomas charter term, which was due to expire June 30, 2026, has been extended by one year by operation of law and ends June 30, 2027. Current enrollment is approximately 400 students.

California Education Code requires that no later than 60 days after receiving a petition, the SCCBOE shall hold a public hearing on the provisions of the charter, at which time the SCCBOE shall consider the level of support for the renewal petition by teachers, other school district employees, and parents/guardians.

The Education Code further stipulates that the SCCBOE shall either grant or deny the charter within 90 days of receipt of the petition, unless that timeline is extended by mutual agreement. The SCCBOE will hold a decision hearing on November 4, 2026.

The complete petition is attached to this agenda and is also available for review at:https://www.sccoe.org/supoffice/charter-schools-office/Documents/petitions_renewal/Summit_Tahoma_Charter_Renewal.pdf

The public hearing will proceed as follows:

- The Board will hear from staff an opening statement of no more than 10 minutes.
- Tahoma will be given the opportunity to give a presentation of no more than 10 minutes.
- ESUHSD will be given an opportunity to comment on the request for no more than 10 minutes.
- The Board will hear public comment. Speakers will be limited to one minute each. Speakers shall direct their comments to the Board and are urged to avoid repeating points made by previous speakers.
- Board members may ask clarifying questions.
- The public hearing will be closed. The Board anticipates reconvening to act on this request on November 4, 2026.

Student Impact

The Charter Schools Department provides oversight and monitoring for20 County Board of Education authorized charter schools. Tahoma currently serves approximately 400 students.

Through its reauthorization of charter schools, the SCCBOE seeks to affirm the right to a relevant and engaging education as stated in theBill of Rights for Children and Young Adults for Santa Clara Countyandsupport the Board's priority area of literacy and academic achievement. More information about SCCBOE-authorized charter schools can be found athttps://www.sccoe.org/supoffice/charter-schools-office/Pages/Santa-Clara-County-Charter-Schools.aspx.

File Attachments

Summit_Tahoma_Charter_Renewal.pdf (37,975 KB)
Summit Tahoma Charter Renewal 2026_SCCBOE Presentation (09_16_26).pdf (5,388 KB)

10. CONSENT INFORMATION ITEMS (Information items provided for review that do not require presentation or action)

Subject :	A. Monthly Enrollment Update Educational Services Programs
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)

Type :	Information
Goals :	Santa Clara County Office of Education Goal #1

Public Content

Administrator

Dr. David M. Toston, Sr., County Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Heather Ferguson, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Background

This monthly enrollment report provides the Board of Education with updated student enrollment data for all programs within the Educational Services Division. Because enrollment drives funding and informs program planning, tracking these numbers regularly allows us to identify trends, address emerging issues, and make data-informed decisions about program design, staffing, and sustainability. October 1 serves as the official state count date for the school year, and subsequent monthly updates allow us to monitor changes in real time as they occur throughout the academic year.

Student Impact

Our Early Learning, Court and Community, Special Education, and Opportunity Youth Academy programs provide vital educational pathways from preschool through post-secondary. Each enrollment figure represents a young person engaging or re-engaging in learning, gaining stability, and building skills for success. These programs help realize the SCCOE vision of transforming education through leadership, service, and advocacy, ensuring that all students have access to relevant and engaging education, health and mental health supports, life skills, and equitable opportunity. Together, these programs affirm our communitys commitment to equity, opportunity, and hope for every youth.

Fiscal Implications

There is no fiscal impact from this report. However, our enrollment ultimately has a fiscal impact, as our program revenue is in part determined by our enrollment.

File Attachments

Educational Services Monthly Enrollment Report 2026-27.pdf (564 KB)
Supplemental Technical Support Monthly Log 2026-27.pdf (191 KB)

10. CONSENT INFORMATION ITEMS (Information items provided for review that do not require presentation or action)

Subject :	B. Head Start/Early Head Start Monthly Board Report July 2026
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Information

Public Content

Administrator

Dr. David M. Toston, Sr., County Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Heather Ferguson, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Background

As per the Head Start Act, all Head Start agencies are required to provide program information to the Board of Education. Attached are the following reports:

Program Reports:

- Program Information Report(PIR)2026-27July2026

  Provides information on the progress of services provided to children and families to meet required timelines as per specific indicators and thresholds.

- Enrollment Report July2026
  Summarizes the year-to-date enrollment activity in the Head Start Program to comply with enrollment requirements.

Financial Reports:
The financial reports for the month are a snapshot in time. The financial reports for June 2026 reflect the alignment of the program fiscal year to SCCOE's July 1 to June 30 fiscal year.

- Financial ReportHead Start/Early Head Start/Child Care Provider (CCP)Total Grant Award June2026

- Administration Cost Limitation June2026

  Limits the amount of funds charged as development and administrative costs to 15%.

- In-Kind Contribution RequiredHead Start/Early Head Start/CCPJune2026

  Indicates progress toward meeting the matching contribution required by the grant ($8,393,645 and $1,125,069, respectively).

- Purchase Card Summary June2026

  Serves as an oversight check of program expenses.

- California Child Food Program Summary Reports (USDA) June2026

  Serves as an oversight check of program expenses.

Student Impact

The Head Start/Early Head Start Program is federally funded to serve 1,207 children, prenatal to 5 years, from very low-income families to promote their school readiness by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development. These services are provided in Santa Clara and San Benito Counties.

File Attachments

HS Board Report July 2026.pdf (2,702 KB)

11. ACTION ITEMS

Subject :	A. Approval of the Budget Revisions for the Month of June 2026
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Action
Preferred Date :	Sep 16, 2026
Absolute Date :	Sep 16, 2026
Fiscal Impact :	No
Budgeted :	No
Recommended Action :	Approve the budget revisions for the month of June 2026.

Public Content

Administrator

Dr. David M. Toston, Sr., County Superintendent of Schools

Dr.Candi Clark, Interim Deputy Superintendent, Business and Operations

LaurenNguyen, Director, Internal Business Services

Background

Thisreport reflects budget revisions for the month of June2026. If an expenditure budget is increased, it is supported either by an increase in revenue, a decrease in carryover (use of carryover), a decrease in fund balance, or any combination of the three. If an expenditure budget is decreased, the result could be due to a decrease in estimated revenue or an increase to credit it back to the fund balance.

During the month ofJune2026, expenditure budgets increased by $5,887,005, reserve for carryover increased by $169,724, and revenue increased by $6,056,729.

Fiscal Implications

Restricted revenues in the amount of $4,245,098 were allocated for the following initiatives:

- $18,500 from Sacramento County Office of Education to support the Behavioral Health Bridge grant agreement. This funding supports the continuation of school-linked behavioral health services in the 2025-26 school year and prevents disruptions in services.
- $70,000 from Marin County Office of Education for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Community Engagement Initiative (CEI) Peer Leading and Learning Network agreement to strengthen collaboration and trust between schools and communities and improve student outcomes and engagement.
- $80,000 from Napa County Office of Education to support Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) Lead to Literacy (Grades 6-12) Project. The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) served as a consortium partner supporting grades 6-12 programs statewide to expand and enhance the alignment of local and state literacy initiatives.

- $215,000 from the California Governors Office of Emergency Services to support the Student Trauma Notification Program grant. This grant provides trauma-sensitive support to students affected by recent traumatic events through a trauma exposure notification system.
- $285,875 from the California Department of Rehabilitation for the FY 2025-26 Workability II Transition Partnership Program (TPP) grant. The three-year grant totals $926,520 through June 30, 2028, with allocations of $285,875 in FY 2025-26, $308,805 in FY 2026-27, and $331,840 in FY 2027-28. The program provides coordinated vocational services, including work experience, employment preparation, and job development for youth with disabilities.
- $1,596,492 from an agreement with Santa Clara Family Health Plan to sustain behavioral health services and billing post the Student Behavioral Health Incentive Program (SBHIP). The funding supports the implementation of systems and achievements that promote the preparation, implementation, and sustainability of the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) Multi-Payer Fee Schedule.
- $1,979,231 from the California Community Colleges Chancellors Office for the K-12 Strong Workforce Program Pathway Improvement (Round 8) grant. The funding supports the SCCOE Local Control and Accountability Plan goals by expanding equitable career readiness, job opportunities, and sustainable living in Santa Clara County, with a focus on court schools, foster and homeless youth, and community schools.

Student Impact

Students across Santa Clara County benefit from a range of services designed to improve student well-being, engagement, academic success, and preparation for postsecondary education and employment. These investments also provide targeted support for students with disabilities and other underserved student populations, including students in court schools, foster and homeless youth, and students attending community schools. These efforts align with the following SCCBOE Strategic Goals: Cradle to Career, Community Partnerships, and The Whole Child, as well as theBill of Rights for Children and Young Adults in Santa Clara County, which strengthen access to coordinated academic, behavioral health, and workforce development services and promote positive and equitable student outcomes.

File Attachments

2025-26 Monthly Budget Revisions - June 2026.pdf (115 KB)

Motion & Voting

Approve the budget revisions for the month of June 2026.

Motion by Maimona Afzal Berta, second by Jessica Speiser.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan

11. ACTION ITEMS

Subject :	B. Approval of the Budget Revisions for the Month of August 2026
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Action
Preferred Date :	Sep 16, 2026
Absolute Date :	Sep 16, 2026
Fiscal Impact :	No
Budgeted :	No
Recommended Action :	Approve the budget revisions for the month of

August 2026.

Public Content

Administrator

Dr. David M. Toston, Sr., County Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Candi Clark, Interim Deputy Superintendent, Business and Operations

Lauren Nguyen, Director, Internal Business Services

Background

This report reflects budget revisions for the month of August 2026. If an expenditure budget is increased, it is supported either by an increase in revenue, a decrease in carryover (use of carryover), a decrease in fund balance, or any combination of the three. If an expenditure budget is decreased, the result could be due to a decrease in estimated revenue or an increase to credit it back to the fund balance.During the month of August 2026, expenditure budgets were increased by $1,337,568, revenue was increased by $269,061, use of carryover was $996,257, and use of fund balance was $72,250.

Fiscal Implications

The use of fund balance in the amount of $72,250 from the General Fund was allocated for the following restricted and/or designated purposes:

- $10,500 to support increased costs associated with the Frontline Education absence management system agreement as the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) fully implemented the capabilities of the application.
- $2,000 to support increased costs associated with the tuition reimbursement program in alignment with the Psychologists and Social Workers Association (PSWA) bargaining unit agreement. Participating unit members shall receive full immediate reimbursement for tuition and other required costs, including textbooks.
- $18,500 to support operational costs, postage expenses, sponsored job postings, and recruitment advertising. This funding is necessary to ensure continuity of operations and attract qualified candidates for hard-to-fill positions.
- $29,250 as an ongoing contribution to Fund 880-Federal and State Grants to support mandated Williams Act instructional materials compliance monitoring. This funding supports SCCOE's critical oversight role in verifying compliance with state requirements through annual Williams reviews and monitoring activities.
- $12,000 to support increased costs associated with the Equifax agreement for unemployment costs management services.

Student Impact

The use of fund balance from General Fund (designated) will support SCCOE's ability to maintain effective operations, attract and retain qualified staff, and fulfill mandated oversight responsibilities. Ultimately, these efforts align with the following SCCBOE Strategic Goals: Community Partnerships and The Whole Child, as well as theBill of Rights for Children and Young Adults in Santa Clara County, which focuses on providing quality educational programs and services to students in Santa Clara County.

File Attachments

2026-27 Monthly Budget Revisions - August 2026.pdf (68 KB)

Motion & Voting

Approve the budget revisions for the month of August 2026.

Motion by Jessica Speiser, second by Maimona Afzal Berta.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

Subject :	A. Head Start/Early Head Start Office of Head Start Monitoring Update
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Information
Goals :	Santa Clara County Office of Education Goal #2 Santa Clara County Office of Education Goal #3

Public Content

Administrator

Dr. David M. Toston, Sr., County Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Heather Ferguson, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Background

On March 23, 2026, the SCCOE Early Learning Services (ELS) Department received notification of the results of the Head Start Federal Monitoring Review - Focus Area 1 (FA1), which was conducted January 13 to 15, 2026. The review identified one (1) Area of Noncompliance related to Safe and Sanitary Practices, with a required correction period now ending September 28, 2026.

The report also identified two (2) Areas of Concern related to Program Governance and Safe and Sanitary Practices. Areas of Concern do not require a formal correction period but provide an opportunity for the grantee to strengthen practices and prevent future noncompliance.

As the governing body for the grantee, the program is providing updates on how the areas are being corrected, as rectifying the areas addressed by the Office of Head Start is of the highest priority.

Student Impact

The Early Learning Services Head Start/Early Head Start Programs are federally funded to serve 1,207 children, ages 0-5, from very low-income families to promote their school readiness by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development. These services are provided in Santa Clara and San Benito Counties.

File Attachments

Office of Head Start Monitoring Update 09-16-2026.pdf (1,307 KB)

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

Subject :	B. Notice of Salary Increase by County Superintendent for Specified SCCOE Employee Pursuant to EC § 1302(a)
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Information
Goals :	Santa Clara County Office of Education Goal #3

Public Content

Administrator

Dr. David M. Toston, Sr., County Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Kanika D. White, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources

Background

The County Superintendent of Schools recognizes the value of our workforce and continually assesses their potential for promotion. Education Code §1302(a) requires any salary increaseof $10,000 or more to be discussed by the County Board of Education at a regularly scheduled meeting. Recent increaseswill result in an excess of the $10,000 limit for one (1) employee.

Fiscal Implications

The following chart outlines the employee's name, new position title, the reason for the salary increase, prior and new annual salary, and the overall salary increase.

#	Last Name	First Name	New Position Title	Reason (see Legend)	Prior Annual Salary	New Annual Salary	Salary Increase
1	Simpson	Jessica	Chief of Staff & Strategic Initiatives	C	$212,325.00	$242,000.00	$29,675.0

LEGEND:

A: Interim Promotion (temporary only)

B: Increase in Calendar

C: Competitive Promotion

D: Position reinstatement

E: Promotion and increase in calendar

F: Position change and increase in calendar

G: Increase in FTE

H: CPI increase

I: Appointment

J: Results of bargaining

Student Impact

To align with Board Priorities focusing on providing students with equitable access to a robust education, Human Resources is driven to select, assign, support, and retain the most qualified leaders, teachers, and staff.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

Subject :	C. SCCOE Commitment 20262031
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Information

Public Content

Administrator

Dr. David M. Toston, Sr., County Superintendent of Schools

Background

The SCCOE Commitment 20262031 is presented to the County Board of Education to provide information regarding the organizations strategic direction and shared commitment to ensuring Opportunity Without Exception for every student, every community, every day. The SCCOE Commitment is grounded in the realities experienced by children, families, schools, and communities across Santa Clara County, including economic inequity, housing instability, uneven access to early learning, literacy gaps, chronic absenteeism, and other barriers that can affect a students educational trajectory.

The SCCOE Commitment establishes a vision for coordinated countywide action focused on three strategic goals: Cradle to Career, Community Partnerships, and The Whole Child. These goals emphasize early learning, family support, strong schools and districts, youth voice, educational access, student well-being, and pathways that prepare students for meaningful futures. The plan also highlights key community indicators related to student achievement, engagement, stability, and priority student groups to support data-informed decision-making and continuous improvement.

Through this commitment, SCCOE seeks to align programs, partnerships, services, and resources around the needs of students and families, while strengthening collaboration with districts, community partners, public agencies, and other stakeholders. The SCCOE Commitment provides a framework for organizational focus, accountability, and shared action in support of improved outcomes for children and youth throughout Santa Clara County.

Fiscal Implications

There is no immediate fiscal impact associated with the presentation of the SCCOE Commitment 20262031. Future implementation activities may involve alignment of existing programs, staffing, partnerships, grants, contracts, professional learning, communications, and other operational resources. Any fiscal actions requiring County Board approval will be brought forward separately in accordance with established budgetary and governance processes.

Student Impact

The SCCOE Commitment 20262031 is centered on improving outcomes for students throughout Santa Clara County by advancing access, belonging, support, and opportunity across the educational continuum. The commitment supports students by emphasizing early learning and kindergarten readiness, strong schools and districts, family engagement, student voice, whole-child supports, college and career pathways, and coordinated services for students who may face barriers to learning and well-being.

This work is aligned with the Childrens Bill of Rights by affirming that every child deserves safe, healthy, supportive, and opportunity-rich conditions in which to learn, grow, and thrive. It also advances County Board priorities related to student well-being, equitable access, academic success, community partnership, and responsible stewardship of public resources. By aligning SCCOEs work around Opportunity Without Exception, this commitment helps ensure that every student is seen, supported, inspired, and prepared to pursue a meaningful future.

File Attachments

SCCOE Commitment 2026-2031 Presentation 09-16-26.pdf (848 KB)
09022026 RESOLUTION Affirming the Commitment to Alleviating Pain Through Public Education.pdf (202 KB)
Board of Education and Superintendent Leadership Agreements.pdf (261 KB)

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

Subject :	D. Future Agenda Items
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Information
Goals :	Mission Statement of the County Office of Education Santa Clara County Office of Education Goal #1 Santa Clara County Office of Education Goal #2 Santa Clara County Office of Education Goal #3

Public Content

Administrator
Dr. David M. Toston, Sr., County Superintendent of Schools

Background

Refer toBoard Bylaw 9322 Agenda/Meeting Materialsfor specific information related to the preparation of County Board of Education agendas. Excepting agenda items otherwise permissible by Education Code, Brown Act, or other rules, regulations, or policies for the Board to placeon the agenda, a County Board member may request that an item within the jurisdiction of the County Board be placed on the agenda. A process for reviewing requested agenda items is described in the board bylaw. In summary, the process includes a review todetermine if the item is within the Board's jurisdiction,where it could beplaced on the agenda, andan assessment of theresource impact of preparing the item.

In accordance with the Brown Act, items mentioned under this item are being suggested so they may be considered as possible topics at a future meeting. The Board will not engage in excessive discussion of these items at this time. Resolutions are requested in accordance with the process described in Board Bylaw 9322 and are not reflected in the table.

Suggested future agenda items:

Item	Board Member	Disposition	Timeline
Support for Unhoused Youth	Trustee Sreekrishnan	The item is still under review.	TBD
Mental Health Wellness Centers Updates	Trustee Sreekrishnan	The item is still under review.	TBD
Dual Enrollment and College Access Efforts	Trustee Berta	The item is still under review.	TBD
California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency Program (CalSHAPE) and related environmental sustainability initiatives	Trustee Sreekrishnan	The item is still under review.	TBD
Proposition 3	Trustee Pacheco	The item is still under review.	TBD

13. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Subject :	A. Committee members may provide or report on recent committee activities.
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Type :	Information

Public Content

The following committees have met since the last board meeting:

- Warmenhoven Innovations Collaborative Advisory Board Tara Sreekrishnan

Standing Committees

Budget Study Committee:December 16, 2026

Joint Legislative Advisory Committee (JLAC):October 7, 2026

Policy Development Subcommittee: November 4, 2026

Membership Committees and Activities

California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate: December 1-2, 2026

Head Start Policy Council: September 29, 2026

Santa Clara County School Boards Association (SCCSBA):September 18, 2026

Liaison Committees, Workgroups, and Community Activities

Silicon Valley Reads Advisory Committee:TBD

14. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER REPORTS

Subject :	A. The members of the Board may give reports on any activities related to their duties as members of the Santa Clara County Board of Education.
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Information

Public Content

Administrator

Dr. David M. Toston Sr., County Superintendent of Schools

Background

The members of the Board may give reports on any activities related to their duties as members of the Santa Clara County Board of Education.

15. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Subject :	A. The superintendent may give a report on any activities related to his duties.
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Information

Public Content

The superintendent may give a report on any activities related to his duties.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Subject :	A. The next Santa Clara County Board of Education regular meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2026.
Meeting :	Sep 16, 2026 - Regular Board Agenda (#2691)
Type :	Action, Procedural
Recommended Action :	Adjourn the meeting.

Public Content

The next Santa Clara County Board of Education regular meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2026.

Motion & Voting

Adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Victoria Chon, second by Maimona Afzal Berta.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan